



## A REPRESENTATIVE HORSE-SHOW GROUP.

Miss Margaret Shields, who has recently returned from several months' travel abroad, has been a leading Richmond belle since her debut two years ago. She is the daughter of Mrs. Charles Shields, and her home at the corner of Fifth and Franklin Streets has always been the center of much graceful hospitality.

Miss Rebecca Walker, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Walker, of No. 205 Park Avenue, is one of the most attractive figures among the younger members of Richmond society, one of a group that will admirably sustain the reputation Richmond has always borne, as being the home of the most beautiful and gracious girls in the South.

Miss Beatrice Ashmead, of Washington, D. C., will be the guest of Mrs. William L. Royall for Horse Show week. She is equally as much admired in Richmond as at her home in Washington, and will be a conspicuous figure in all the gayeties of the show.

Miss Louise Herbert, who makes her bow to society this season, is the daughter of Mrs. Mary A. Herbert, of No. 318 South Third Street. She is a true daughter of the South, with dark eyes, rich brunette coloring and tall, handsome figure. Her beauty is a rightful inheritance, her mother having been a great belle of an earlier generation.

Miss Mary Hartman, of Baltimore, will visit Miss Sophie White next week. She is considered one of the handsomest girls in her native city, and through several former Richmond visits, her name has come to be associated with all that stands for charm and grace in young womanhood.

To-day ushers in the looked-forward-to and much-talked-about Horse Show week, the social climax of the mid-autumn season.

Anticipation looks brightly out from the sparkling eyes of young Richmond hostesses, who are planning for their Horse Show guests all sorts of pretty diversions in the way of box parties to the show and supper parties after it.

Things in general are devised quite with reference to what is the absorbing topic of interest. One is told on the best of authority that American Beauty roses, lilacs of the valley, orchids, carnations and violets will be the Horse Show favorites in flowers, that they will be carried in immense bouquets and displayed in boxes by the pretty girls for whom they have been ordered. As for the Horse Show gowns, they are quite gorgeous enough to justify the time and care which have been expended on them.

White in every variety of fashioning and material appears in preponderance. A beautifully embroidered white lace robe upon a liberty silk and satin foundation will be worn by one of the prettiest among the Richmond society belles, whose collar of pearls is not whiter than the neck which it encircles. A white lace hat with soft little plumes and a white brocade evening coat with lace and fur trimming will finish a lovely costume.

An elegant black silk velvet, en Princesse in style, with ornamentation of cut jet and point lace will express the unerring taste of a Richmond society matron, whose black velvet toque will be relieved by touches of white lace and chiffon roses.

A beautiful black tulle, finished for another charming young Richmond matron, has an under-lining of salmon pink peau de sole and ruffles and platings of very handsome thread lace. A lace picture hat, with crush roses in salmon pink velvet, looks as it might prove an immensely becoming adjunct, especially when resting upon the head for which it is intended.

A white crepe de chine has a deep plastron-shaped yoke of embroidery and lace, with accordion-plated sides and back. The waist, with transparent yoke of embroidery and lace, shows the plating between embroidered bands. The sleeves have a close fitting cap of embroidery and a full plating held into the wrist by an embroidered cuff. A very harmonious accessory is noted in a white lace hat, with drooping ostrich feathers.

A black zibeline cloth will reveal in reverse a changeable silk lining. Scroll velvet bands and Persian embroidery are well matched in a black maline hat, with silk poppies in varying shades of red. A boa of black chiffon and lace is fastened by velvet rosettes holding a cluster of poppies.

A gown of heavy white bengaline silk to be worn by a society woman whose intuitions in effect are always unerring, has a Louis XV. coat and is trimmed with elegant duchesse and rose point lace. A long, loose white brocade wrap has a wide border and collar of ermine and a cream white hat has a shirred maline brim and a crown of crushed velvet roses.

A very striking costume is an embroidered robe, the design being worked out in jet and cut steel on net and made over white tulle. A long, moire coat with collar of embroidered lace, and a close toque of white velvet with bands of black jet embroidery and black and white ribbon roses is worn with the gown.

A lichen green peau de sole, trimmed with hand embroidery and lace applique is rendered remarkably effective by a Gainsborough hat of black, with sweeping ostrich feathers.

The marvels shown in pretty head wear for this opening October celebration are specially noticeable. One creation which has been selected by a lovely debutante, has a wide, gracefully curved brim of plain white tulle, with a soft shirred facing of maline. A plaited mace bow adorns the left side, joining two handsome white plumes, the soft tips of which are finished, over the brim on the right side.

The preference of another young lady is for a creation with a pink maline brim and a mole-skin crown, the only trimming being a cluster of pink and cream roses alternating around the crown. This goes with a pink voile gown.

A hat worn with a white zibeline gown, having incrustations of lace set in plush, shows a boat-shaped crown, while the entire top is of white applique over white plush. The hat is faced with seal brown Lyons velvet, has a band of mink around the crown, ending with knotted maline and fur, drawn through a handsome cut-steel buckle.

Horse Show Guests. Horse Show guests have, many of them, arrived already. Miss Gay Bernard Wilson, of No. 312-2 South Third Street, has four exceedingly attractive young ladies staying with her—Miss Katherine Jordan and Miss Sadie Bell Mayer, of Charlotte, N. C.; Miss Mary Van Eman and Miss Olivia Wilson, of Baltimore.

These young ladies were guests of honor at a progressive euchre party given by Miss Wilson Friday evening last, in which eleven tables engaged and prizes elaborated the Horse Show idea, first and second ladies' honors being a silver horseshoe belt pin and a pretty hunting scene, enclosed in a horseshoe border.

The gentleman's first prize was a miniature gold hunting horn; the second a hunting crop tied with pink ribbons to match in shade the color scheme for the evening. Players' score cards were in gold and silver horse shoes. The game was marked in tiny replicas, tied on with white satin ribbon.

Farther floral decorations were in pink roses and carnations intertwined with emerald and amethyst ferns. Dainty refreshments were served on the card tables.

Guests present beside the hostess and her friends were: Miss Eleanor Cannington, Miss Constance Keese, Miss Emily White, Miss Mary Fraser, Miss Sara Harvie, Miss Alice and Miss Louise Yancey, Miss Octavia Crenshaw, Miss Inogen Fitzgerald, Miss Elizabeth Morrison, Miss Pannie Lewis, Miss Inez Montague, Miss Nettie Baird, Miss Constance Tilton, Miss Lucy Christian, Misses

Lucy and Emily Armistead, Miss Katherine Jones, Mrs. Stuart Cooke, Mrs. E. T. Orgain, Mrs. John B. Orgain, Mrs. Stewart Jones, Mrs. Norman Short, Captain Beth Milligan, of New York; Mr. John Burnett and Mr. Charles Cooke, of Wilmington, N. C.; Mr. Mac Doble, Mr. Robert Brander, Mr. Stuart Cooke, Mr. Philip Jones, Mr. Robert Wherry, Mr. Eugene B. Sydney, Mr. Lathimer Gordon, Mrs. Joseph Pleasants, Mrs. Peyton Baughan, Mr. Oscar West, Mr. George Keese, Mr. William Gillingham, Mr. John B. Orgain, Mr. E. T. Orgain, Mr. Stewart Jones, Mr. John and Mr. Sydney Wilson.

Among the other out-of-town guests who will be in Richmond next week are Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fairfax and Mr. David B. Tennant, of Loudoun; Mr. and Mrs. Dulaney and Miss Mary Hartman, of Baltimore; Mrs. Louis Merriam and Miss Beatrice Ashmead, of Washington, D. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Rodman Paul Snelling, of Boston; Miss Denham, of Savannah; Miss Julie Reed Taylor and Miss Dora Henry, of Winchester; Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Wilhens, of "Sovernby," Gloucester county; Mrs. Randolph Bolling and Miss Margaret Stokes, of Bolling's Island; Miss Elsie Chew, of Pittsburg, Pa.; Miss Lizzie Cochran, of the University of Virginia, and Miss Townsend, of Norfolk, Va.

### Fair Debutantes.

The debutante list for this winter numbers many of the loveliest young girls in Richmond. Their symbolical flower, the American Beauty bud, fully typifies the promise of their radiant young womanhood. The debutantes unconsciously are about to repeat the story of their grandmothers', and great-grandmothers' triumphs, and the opening autumn season holds the promise of everything that is brightest and most joyous in their young lives.

These living buds in whom so many hearts are bound up, will fit naturally and harmoniously into the brilliant beauty scene of the Horse Show. Their pretty white frocks and hats and their bright, sweet faces will be seen in the box parties and at all the gay little social assemblies which make the delightful side issues of the show.

As this appearance is but the forerunner of their more formal introduction at the Thanksgiving german and later, at the opening german of the Richmond Assembly, their young minds are free from the weight of any serious responsibilities and their rosy lips are ready to relax into smiles at small provocation.

In addition to those whose pictures appear in this issue of The Times-Dispatch, the names of Miss Lillian Blanford, Miss Mary Drake, Miss Mary Drewry, Miss Laura Rutledge, Miss Nan Morris, Miss Louise Purcell, Miss Edith Grant, Miss Carrie Armistead, Miss Jessie Hazard, Miss Lucy Skelton, Miss Evelyn Glenn, Miss Nellie Gordon, Miss Mildred Hill, and Miss Elsie Parkinson are among those that recur to mind.

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the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Royall, the mere mention of whose name recalls vividly the days when her mother, Miss Page Aslett, was noted far and wide for the vivacity of manner and the beauty of face and figure, which are the gaily inheritance of Miss Royall.

Two debutantes of this season whose names are associated by reason of their intimate friendship, are Miss Elsie Stokes and Miss Lina Shields. Miss Shields will not enter into the full round of social gaiety, as she is wearing light mourning, but she has the deserved reputation of extreme popularity. She is tall and slender, with wavy, light brown hair, and fair coloring. Her ingenious frankness and ready responsiveness of manner render her one of the most agreeable of companions. She will have as her guest for Horse Show week, Miss Denham, of Savannah.

### The Week's Weddings.

A number of weddings in Richmond and throughout the State are scheduled for this week. Among those of signal interest here may be mentioned the Shelton-Guest wedding, for October 14th, at 11 A. M., in All-Saints' Church; the Dulles-Porgusson wedding, also for October 14th, at 6:15 P. M., in Trinity M. E. Church; the Eason-Richardson wedding, for October 15th, in the home of the bride, No. 28 East Main Street, and the Beattie-Richardson wedding, taking place at noon tomorrow, in Dover Baptist Church, Manakin, Va.

In the out-of-town weddings that of Miss Wylie Royall, of Morrison's, Va., to Mr. J. Vaughan Jones, of Hampton, Va., has been announced for October 14th, at 3 P. M., in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Catlin, the bride's adopted parents. Miss Regina Courtney Smith, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Hubert Smith, of Philadelphia, and Mr. James E. McComb, of Orange county, Va., will be married in Philadelphia, October 15th, at noon. It is stated that Mr. and Mrs. McComb will come directly to the Richmond Horse Show.

Miss Blanche Lanexa, the daughter of Mrs. Charles Thelmer, of No. 122 North Nineteenth Street, and Mr. William Emil Franck will be married at 3:30 P. M., October 14th, in the bride's home, the Rev. Father William, of St. Mary's German Catholic Church, officiating.

Miss Daisy Moody Ellett, whose wedding to Dr. Emmett H. Terrell will take place October 21st in the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. A. C. Ellett, of "Oak Grove," Hanover county, has many friends and relatives in Richmond, where she has frequently visited. Dr. Terrell, who was a graduate in the medical profession here some years ago, has been very successful since and is exceedingly popular.

After their return from a wedding trip Dr. Terrell and his bride will occupy No. 204 East Grace Street, which has been enlarged and thoroughly done over, and will be a wedding gift to the young couple from Mrs. A. C. Ellett.

### Announcement Cards.

Mrs. Georgianna Skeen announces the

## THE PRINCIPALS IN A RECENT VERY ROMANTIC ELOPEMENT



MR. AND MRS. H. M. BELL.



Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Bell, whose elopement and marriage furnished the text for a recent North Carolina society sensation, are now at the home of Mr. W. W. Davies, of No. 2521 East Franklin Street, where they will remain until Mr. Bell's course is completed at the University College here. Then they will locate at Windsor, N. C., where a large drug store has been erected for him and a business career awaits him.

Mrs. Bell was formerly Miss Mary Louise Williams, of Warrenton, N. C., a beautiful, refined, accomplished lady, the pet of her home and well known and beloved, not only in her native town, but also in Washington, Baltimore and other large cities, where her elegance and grace attracted all hearts.

Mr. Bell, a talented young student at the University of North Carolina, met and loved her when she was scarcely more than a child. A lovers' quarrel caused a temporary separation. When they were again reconciled he felt that delay would

mean danger, and, fearing objections on account of his unfinished medical course, he wrote the most piteous appeals, which her tenderness could not resist. So it was all arranged, and boarding a train he went with lightning speed to the appointed place of meeting.

She, assisted by her brother-in-law, made her escape, and at 8 o'clock in the morning they arrived at "Norfolk," N. C., where the groom, minister and three chosen witnesses awaited them. It was a scene full of romantic interest; the beautiful young girl, the refined, noble youth, standing on the hotel balcony, surrounded by their witnesses; the moon and stars seemed to shine with peculiar brilliancy, as the aged minister pronounced those solemn words and implored a blessing on the youthful pair. Directly after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Bell boarded the train in waiting for a Northern tour, sending telegrams to both homes. They have since been forgiven and restored to parental favor.

engagement of her daughter, Miss Mary Skeen, to Mr. Edgar Wirt Venable.

The marriage will take place Wednesday evening, October 28th, at 9 o'clock, in the Presbyterian Church at Covington, Va., and Mr. Venable, with his bride, will be at home after November 12th at Hampden-Sidney, Va.

Miss Skeen and Mr. Venable belong alike to representative Virginia families, and have an extensive connection here and in Virginia. The wedding will be one of the most notable of the autumn.

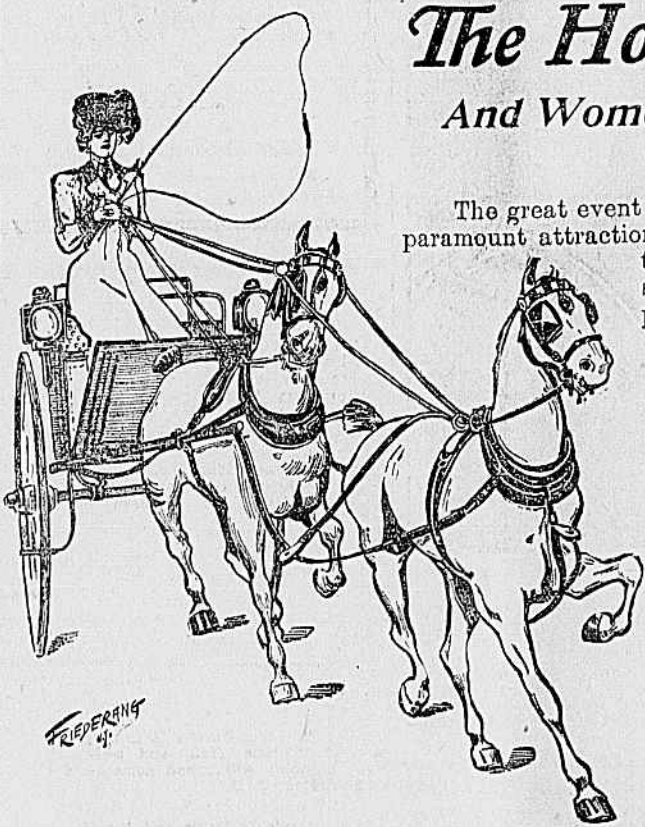
Tea will be served at the Woman's

Club to-morrow from 5 to 8 P. M., and will be one of the pleasantest and brightest social episodes of the day.

Club members are looking forward with eager anticipation to the appearance at the Young Men's Christian Association Hall, on the 19th of October, of Mrs. Mary E. Hitchcock, who will give her wonderful lecture then on the "Modern Wonderland," the reproduction of her experiences in the Klondike.

The hour for the lecture will be 8:30

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## The Horse is King This Week,

And Women's Brilliancy of Garments Will Vie With One Another.

The great event of the autumn is the Horse Show, now about inaugurated. The paramount attraction is the exquisite appareling of our ladies. Many striking costumes appear at this time, and we are quite prepared to furnish some extremely swell garments that will hold their own in comparison with so-called exclusive designs from other centres.

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At \$50.00 Very Swell Dress Suit of Imported Broadcloth, blouse effect, with long peplum, deep cape, collar formed of braid, embroidery and Persian trimming; skirt elaborately trimmed in braid. A very elegant costume.

### Horse Show Coat Specials.

At \$25.00 Long Skirted Silk Blouse of Best Quality Black Taffeta, deep shoulder cape trimmed in fringe, lined in peau de cygne; a garment specially adapted to this special event. \$25.00

At \$32.00 Swell Walking Coat of Imported English Covert, stitched straps to waist, box-pleated from waist down, lined in heavy satin, strictly man-tailored.

At \$50.00 Very Dressy Evening Coat of Champagne-Colored Light-Weight Kersey, combining all the new ideas of sleeve, back and trimming. A garment that must be inspected to be appreciated.



### Latest Effects in Millinery.

The striking Hats prepared for the Horse Show are seen on every hand, in all the evening shades, every popular style being represented. Genuine Mink and Ermine are the proper skins for Fur Hats, the entire crown being covered with the skin, the tails drooping off the brim, while the underbrim is of contrasting shade of mirrored velvet, pleated very full. Beaver Cloth, in white champagne and lavender is much sought after and is usually tipped in seal brown, a deep fawn or self-colored velvet.

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At \$15.00 Waist of Violet Crepe de Chine, elaborately trimmed in cream wood-lace, and finished in rows of shirring. A strictly up-to-date Dress Waist.

At \$7.50 SPECIAL VALUE in Dressy Waist of Fine Quality Peau de Cygne, round yoke, cap of sleeves, collar and cuffs formed of milliner's folds and fagotting, full pouch front, fancy back; a Waist specially adapted for house-wear; colors white, champagne, light-blue, violet \$7.50

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Infants' Long White Silk Cloaks of fine Peau-de-Sole, deep cape and collar, stole fronts, trimmed in applique and silk braid. \$12.50

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